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GAS THROUGH PIPELINE IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Gas is not able to fulfill its commitment to provide gas via pipeline in Mumbai;

(b) whether Mahanagar Gas were to start supply of gas in Eastern Suburb, particularly Mulund (East) and Mulund (West) before Diwali this year;

(c) if so, the reasons for its delay;

(d) if so, whether the pipeline has been laid in the eastern suburbs of Bhandup, Vikhroli, Kanjurmarg;

(e) if so, the programme and time schedule for supply of gas in these areas; and

(f) if not, the reasons of such long delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) No, Sir. Since its inception in May, 1995, Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) - a Joint Venture Company of Gas Authority of India Limited, British Gas Plc. and Government of Maharashtra has connected 74,522 domestic consumers for supply of piped natural gas out of the 3.15 lakh (approximately) potential domestic consumers covering Chembur, Deonar, Goandi, Chunabhatti, Kurla(East), Pant Nagar, Kala Nagar, Bandra (East & West), Andheri (East & West), Ghatkopar (West), Juhu, Varsova, Vile Parle

(East & West), Goregaon, Malad, Kandivali, Mulund (West) and Vikhroli (East) in Mumbai.

(b) MGL is already supplying piped natural gas to domestic consumers in various parts of Eastern Suburbs including Mulund (West), where 3,800 domestic consumers have so far been connected. MGL has plans to expand the existing piped gas network to

Mulund (East) during the current construction season.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) to (f) MGL has since laid the gas pipeline in the Eastern Part of Kanjurmarg (near Crompton Greaves Plant and Jolly Board Plant) and Vikhroli (Godrej Plant). MGL is in the process of carrying out feasibility study on expansion of piped gas supply in Bhandup (East), Kanjurmarg and Vikhroli including Kannamwar Nagar and Tegore Nagar. The job for domestic connection in these areas is expected to be taken up during October 02, 2002 onwards after the technical feasibility is completed.